

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A television system, said system comprising:

a display screen;

a broadcaster having memory means for storing data relating to program information having at least subtitle and/or closed caption data;

a broadcast data receiver for receiving digital data via terrestrial, cable or digital means from ~~a the~~ broadcaster and generating visual/audio and/or auxiliary data therefrom; ~~and for storing data relating to program information wherein said television system is provided with~~

a search facility to allow a user to search said memory means in said broadcaster by generating a user request for program information and sending said user request to said broadcaster having memory means, and said television system ~~is capable of~~ matching the request with any corresponding program information in said memory for display on said display screen.
2. (Previously Presented) A television system according to claim 1 wherein said memory means contains subtitle and/or closed caption data relating to program information.
3. (Previously Presented) A television system according to claim 1 wherein said memory means contains descriptions of programs.
4. (Currently Amended) A television system according to claim 1 wherein a user query box is provided on said display screen for a user to type in ~~their~~ a search request.

5. (Previously Presented) A television system according to claim 1 wherein said user request may be selected from the group consisting of key words, phrases and codes defined by said broadcaster.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Canceled)
8. (Currently Amended) A television system according to claim 6 1 wherein said broadcaster updates said memory means with future and/or real time program information.
9. (Previously Presented) A television system according to claim 1 wherein said program information identified corresponding to said user request includes any or any combination of the time and/or date of showing the identified program, the length of the program, the channel the program is to be shown and a summary of the program shown.
10. (Previously Presented) A television system according to claim 1 wherein said program information identified corresponding to said user request includes electronic program guide information.
11. (Currently Amended) A television system according to claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ the format of said program information identified in response to said user query is determined by said broadcaster .

12. (Currently Amended) A television system according to claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ format of said program information identified in response to said user query is determined by the user and is selectable via an options menu.

13. (Previously Presented) A television system according to claim 1 wherein frequently requested information is stored in said memory means in a saved format.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A television system according to claim ~~14~~ 1 wherein all or selective data contained in said memory means at said broadcaster is sent to memory means in said broadcast data receiver for searching by a user.

16. (Currently Amended) A method of obtaining program information in a television system having a display screen, a broadcaster having memory means for storing data relating to program information having at least subtitle and/or closed caption data, a broadcast data receiver for receiving digital data via terrestrial, cable or digital means from the ~~a~~ broadcaster and generating visual/audio and/or auxiliary data therefrom and having memory means for storing data relating to program information in response to a user's query, wherein said method includes the steps of:

inputting a query into said television system;

searching said broadcaster memory means for program information having at least subtitle

and/or caption data relating to said query; and

displaying on said display screen identified program information corresponding to said query.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A television system according to claim ~~7~~ 1 wherein said broadcaster updates said memory means with future and/or real time program information.